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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports

SUBJECT: Request for Comparative Study

1. At the time the Director testified before the Subcommittee on Economic Statistics of the Joint Economic Committee, comparing economic growth in the U.S. and the USSR, Senator Javits requested that we undertake an additional comparative study. This would be a study of the alliance structure of the United States in contrast to the Soviet Union.

2. Senator Javits asked, "What do the Soviets gain or lose in their alliances?" "Are not our allies, in contrast to theirs, much more dependable?" "What are the plusses and minuses?"

3. Mr. Dulles agreed that we would undertake the study in collaboration with the Department of State. The study, as I see it, would also require the collaboration of the Department of Defense, since our alliances (NATO, Taiwan) are primarily military. Mr. Amory suggested working with Allen Evans in State.

4. No deadline was set for the study, and, to the best of my knowledge, it should be unclassified.

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